

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8368

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 1097

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AFSP APER SHUM LA US

SUBJECT: ARREST OF EMBASSY EMPLOYEE

1. EMBASSY EMPLOYEE KHAMTHENE SOUKSAMRANE, A LAO NATIONAL, WAS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED JULY 2. HE HAD BEEN ORDERED TO ATTEND A 45 DAY SEMINAR AND HAD BEGUN OPENLY TALKING OF FLEEING TO THAILAND. EMBASSY IS UNAWARE OF ANY CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

2. ON JULY 22, EMBASSY SENT A NOTE TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPORTING THAT MR. KHAMTHENE SOUKSAMRANE LAST CAME TO WORK ON JULY 1, AND THAT THE EMBASSY BELIEVED HE MIGHT BE DETAINED. THE NOTE REQUESTED THAT THE MINISTRY INFORM THE EMBASSY WHETHER THE EMPLOYEE WAS IN FACT BEING DETAINED, AND IF HE WAS, WHETHER HE WAS LIKELY TO BE RELEASED TO RETURN TO WORK IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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